

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes - APPROVED
February 3, 2023 at 10:00am
James Monroe Building, Rooms D & E
101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:09am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Lynden Garland, Chair
Attendance: Calder Loth, Lynden Garland, Anne Smith, Jill Nolt, Donna Jackson
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Department of General Services.
No public comments were presented
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion to approve minutes from January 6th Board meeting with edits to item 3.4 to include that the Board would like to see all associated site improvements and that a further study of the North East entrance be conducted: Jill Nolt
Second: Donna Jackson
Vote: 5Y, 0N
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**
No other business was presented

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **Radford University – Martin Hall Storefront Replacement**
(Final Approval)
Martin Hall was constructed in 1994. The existing aluminum storefront systems for the two primary entrances are part of the original construction. The wide horizontal divider at tabletop level gives the systems a dated appearance not in keeping with the aesthetic of more recent adjacent buildings. The door hardware is prone to maintenance due to its age. The thermal characteristics of the existing glazing need to be improved.
This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Anne Smith
Vote: 5Y, 0N
- 2.2 **Virginia Tech – Turfgrass Research Center Storage Shelter**
(Final Approval)
A 24' x 60' wood framed structure is proposed to be constructed at the Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Center, to the southeast of main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia. Currently some of the equipment used for turfgrass research is uncovered with no weather protection. The facility will have an open front with enclosed back and end walls to offer a designated storage area with some protection from the elements. Walls will be constructed with corrugated metal panels attached to the pole shed framing. The roof will be constructed of pre-finished metal roofing panels to match the existing adjacent structure.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.3 George Mason University – Mason Square Plaza

(Final Approval)

Originally designed in 2006, Mason Square Plaza was to be the central node/heart of the George Mason University's Arlington Campus connecting Van Metre Hall and the Antonin Scalia School of Law to Fairfax Drive. With the Fuse Building under construction adjacent to Mason Square Plaza this project intends to re-activate that mission. The proposed design also expects to minimize disruptions. The area of disturbance is approximately 10,000 SF, consisting of the following upgrades: • +/- 1,000 SF of newly planted area, including planted tray systems with perennials • +/- 1,650 SF of ipe wood decking, using an elevated system to match the plaza grades • +/- 1,600 SF of prefabricated canopy structure, approximately 14'-0" tall • +/- 1,700 SF of artificial turf • The remainder is existing pavers to remain.

Motion for final approval.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech – Hahn Horticulture Garden Marquee

(Final Approval)

Hahn Horticulture Garden is a nearly six-acre teaching and display garden on the Blacksburg, Virginia campus. The location serves both university students and the local community. The project site is often used for weddings and other group gatherings. The proposed structure is an open-air marquee to be located on the existing tent lawn. The intent of the facility is to replace the temporary tent with a permanent facility for the gatherings, wedding, and other group activities in the garden. The custom designed pre-engineered wood structure will be open on all sides with a clerestory roof and lower hipped roof to align with the existing pavilion building.

Motion for final approval pending consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider the width of the stairs connecting to the existing walk and the placement of the associated handrails; Consider an alternate design for the concrete flooring.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Calder Loth

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.2 University of Virginia – Athletics Complex

(Final Approval)

The Athletics Complex will redefine how we educate our student-athletes by improving our facilities and the support we provide as they study to achieve academic excellence, develop the necessary skills to become citizen leaders for tomorrow and train to compete for championships. The project includes a Football Operations Center and an Olympic Sports Center designed to provide support to all 750 student-athletes competing in 27 varsity sports.

Motion for final approval contingent upon submission of landscaping and flatwork plans for consent at a later meeting date.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Donna Jackson

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.3 Virginia Commonwealth University – Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB)

(Final Approval)

The proposed VCU Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB) will consist of learning, making, collaboration, performance, exhibition, and support spaces for VCU departments of Theater, Dance, Music, Cinema, and Communication Arts, as well as the da Vinci Center, the Center for Arts and Health Innovation, the Center for Arts and Athletics, and the Center for the Creative Economy. The proposed building is 212,652 GSF (per the CPSM calculation method), with 8 occupied stories above grade and a single programmed story below grade.

Motion for final approval pending consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider the design of the screen around the generators; Consider bird strike materials/treatments for glass facades.

Motion to approve: Donna Jackson

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 4Y, 0N, 1Abs

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is March 3, 2023.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.